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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir :

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby directs the Examiner's attention to the following documents which were cited in an International Search Report issued on May 12, 2000, in connection with PCT/FR 00/00374 and/or cited and discussed in the instant application.

- (1) EP 0 381 903 to Alain SAINTON is listed in the International Search Report;
- (2) "TWINLAY-PRIMEUR IN CENTRUM VAN BREDA. \GEMODIFICEERDE ZOAB -CONSTRUCTIE" WEGEN, vol. 66, no. 12/01, 1 January 1992 (1992-01-01), pages 13-14, XP000241623 is listed in the International Search Report;
- (3) DE 298 03 077 to K. LIEDTKE is listed in the International Search Report;
- (4) VAN BOCHOVE G G: "NIEUW CONCEPT VOOR ZEER OPEN ASFALTBETON" WEGEN, vol. 64, no. 6, 1 June 1990 (1990-06-01), pages 30-31,

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XP000136201 ISSN: 0043-2067 is listed in the International Search Report;

(5) EP 0 605 377 to Pierre BREDAEL is listed in the International Search Report;

(6) FR 2 688 808 to Alain SAINION et al is listed in the International Search

Report;

(7) DE 39 26 099 to Stephan HOLLNSTEINER et al is listed in the International Search Report; and

(8) FR 2 768 162 to Jean Pierre ANTOINE is listed in the International Search Report.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Annex to the International Search Report which lists family members of the documents listed in the Search Report. Applicant notes that the Annex lists:

(9) U.S. Patent No. 5,558,703 as a family member of EP 605377.

(10) Additionally, please find enclosed an English language translation of the Preliminary Examination Report issued on May 22, 2001. The Examiner is urged to indicate consideration of the Preliminary Examination Report by initialing the appropriate space on the enclosed form PTO-1449.

Copies of the above-noted documents are enclosed together with a copy of the International Search Report, the Annex to the International Search Report, the Preliminary Examination Report, and a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly

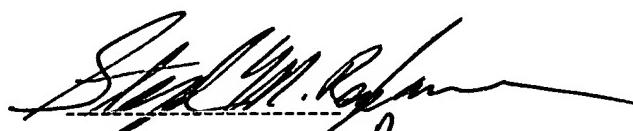
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requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the Merits has not been received in the instant application. However, if an Office Action on the Merits has issued, and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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